A PIL
To purge Melancholie:
OR,
A PREPRATIVE TO A PVRGATION:
Or,
Topping, Copping, and Capping: take either or whether:
Or,
Maſh them, and ſquaſh them, and daſh them, and diddle come derrie come daw them, all together.

In laudem implaudim.

This worthy Worke may printed bee,
For ought therein that I can see:
For the graue Author nothing sayth
Contrary to the Catholique faith:
Nor ought therein that doth agree
With learning, wit, or good moralitie.

His od vaine.

To M. Bavv-wavv

Health, with increaſe of mirth
and merrie conceites.

MAiſter Baw-waw, as one vnknowne, yet mooued through affection, as alſo hearing of your arriuall into England, I haue made bolde to dedicate this my ſimple labor vnto you: to be ſhrowded, ſheilded, and defended by your indifferent cenſure, you beeing a Spirit all compoz'de of mirth and merrie conceite: And although it may ſeeme but a toy, yet being read, may refrigerate your ſenſes toſſed and weeried with the tedious trauell of forraine Countries, as alſo ſtirre vp a hart plunged in melancholie, and adde alacritie to a minde diſpoſed to mirth. Thus, not knowing how I may well commend it, I referre it (as before) by you to be cenſured.

Yours k is blue vaine,

A Pill to purge Melancholie.

I Cannot but maligne, and with dyre execrations bellow footh the gorgonian dieresis of your late cõmenced misprision, wherby you do vnkennell your Goatish affections, and let loose the furie codpeece-humor, & Sparrow-like dominations calcinated with the modulation of your supposed Arcadian sprightlinesse, to serenize my metaphisicall partes. But I wonder how this crooknold conceite of yours, came snayling it selfe into the diurnall reuolution of your Fadelike, plunging, durtie, & scauenger-like, sweeping & rakeing togeather the rubbish and outcast of your Herringcobs inuentions: But to shape my inuention to your Taylors wit, and my tilting style to your Noddiships vnderstanding, now I come to it. I heare that you meane (Oh scuruie louzie meaning) to betraie vnto the world the vntimelie birth, or the addle egge of your late long ill labored lines, which you haue like ill commodities so oft thrust vpon my handes, continually solliciting me with them; which I cashcere: and yet me thinkes you should not be so inconsiderately foolish, as to be the Bellowes to puffe abroad thine owne disgraces: and I haue almost perisht my braines with continuall retrograding them, how thou durst presume to call my vnstayned name in question, with thy scattring Papers like halfe penny gigges: but I commaund thee

by thy Pumpes and Pantables to desist from printing them, or I do asseuerate my oath vnto thee, that I will cause thee to be most dangerouslie exulcerated. Hadst thou none to theorize thy halting barbarisme and wit-wanting Howliglas vpon, but me, and then to print it for euery trencher-waighting foolish knaue to slauer on? As God ketch me, either downe vpon your knees ere Etis manibus, and yell for mercie at the portall grates of my compassion, or I will so cauitice thee inflicting dismall corsiues vpon thy fainting soule, that thou shalt be enforced to vilifie thy Rotundities, the onely storehouse for thy Bread and Cheese. Therefore, presently turne the hower-glasse of your determination, or looke for Rodges.

She that skornes thee
and thy puffie stuffe:

Snuffe.

I Haue double dd. receiued your Letter, written in a fidling ſtyle: which I haue anſwered with a crowding ſpirit. I haue been diuers times at the Portal grates of your compaſſion, to aſke forgiueneſſe for my ſinnes, but by reaſon of your abſence, I remaine as yet ſtill a wicked ſinner, becauſe you are not there to giue me abſolution. I do perſeuere in my ſcuruie louzie meaning, to beray & betray the world with my flattring Papers like ſixe pennie gigges, and to haue them printed: and to confirme my reſolution, I haue ſworne by my Pumpes and Pantables, Bootes, Slippers, and Shooes, it ſhall be performed with as much expedition as may be. Your ſcuruie loſtie louzie Letter, with my crabbed crooked anſwere to be printed amongſt the reſt, to your prayſe and my ſhame: and if you will lend me twentie more ſuch ſnuffes, they ſhall be anſwered, but how? I will not promiſe you in an Arcadian ſpirit, but rather with ſome Lenton relictes, or with ſome drunken drouzie daffie durtie dounghill ſtile, or ſcauenger like kind of writing and inditing, fit for ſuch driueling ſcribling ſniueling filthy fidling ſtuffe: Therfore I countermaund you, preſently to auert your heauy diſpleaſure & indignation conceiued and intended againſt me, or looke for no fauour at my handes.

He that loues thee and
thy ſnuffie ſtuffe,

Snipſnap.

To all skorners, skoffers, mockers, iybers, and deriders: And to all foule knaues, fine knaues, faire knaues, proud knaues, prettie knaues, prating knaues, fooliſh knaues, flattring knaues, flicring knaues, cogging knaues, deceitfull knaues, ſoothing knaues, ſmoothing knaues, diſſembling knaues, madde knaues, merrie knaues, drouzie knaues, dronken knaues, harme hatch knaues, warme watch knaues, cold catch knaues, harme watch knaues, and harme catch knaues: and to all other inferior knaues, of what qualitie and propertie ſoeuer; togeather with all Iackes, whipiackes, and skipiacks; Dawes, Woodcocks, Peacocks, and Weathercocks: and to all and ſinguler flat knaues and very knaues, Tapſters, tilters and tylers; diggers, ditchers and deluers; plotters, workers, deuizers and contriuers of Roagrie, knauerie, and villanie: long cut, ſhort cut, pinch cut, and plucke cut; the writer hereof ſendeth greazing and greeting, raking, ſhooueling, ſwapping, loading, threſhing and ſweeping; with ſalting, ſeazoning and ſauoring, powdring, ſpiceing and ſauouring; bruſhing, blouzing and blazing, with blowing, fyring, and flaming.

YOur Letter (faire Miſtris) was deliuered, and receiued, according to the direction: but being written in a lofty ſtile, it may require ſome extraordinary deliberation to anſwere your foolſhips abhomination: but becauſe it may not ſeeme altogether to looſe [illegible] race and maieſtie, I thought I would hit ye and wit ye, and ſcant ye and want ye, and lacke ye and

lot ye, and get ye and haue ye, and loſe ye. They feele ye and find ye, and fire ye & flint ye, and flame ye, and tiler ye and tapler ye, and trifle ye and trash ye, and tilt ye and tinke ye and tile ye, and tinker ye and moyle ye and toyle ye, and thimble ye, and thatch ye & threſh ye, and sheepe ye and sithe ye and sheare ye, and shape ye and sowter ye and shooe ye and size ye and sawe ye and seame ye, and quiuer ye and quauer ye and quake ye, and mould ye and cruſt ye and knead ye, and brew ye and bake ye and kake ye, and wake ye and crum ye and cram ye, and shinke ye and shanke ye, and sise ye and sinke ye, and shiuer ye and shackle ye and shake ye, and quip ye and quirke ye and quilt ye, and firme ye and farme ye, and iron ye and presse ye and fit ye. Then tit ye and tip ye and tap ye, and heele ye and halt ye, and hop ye and top ye and cop ye, and lip ye and lap ye & lop ye, and hick ye & hack ye & hew ye, and hood ye and hart ye and hind ye, and horne ye and hammer ye and stammer ye, and stunnie and head ye. Then hip ye and nip ye and skip ye, and trim ye & trie ye, and tard ye and trace ye and trip ye. Then nettle ye and tickle ye and prickle ye, and taint ye and tempt ye & turue ye, and wind ye and paint ye and burne ye, and couler ye and tart ye and tinckt ye, and mouze ye and touze ye, and tugg ye and touch ye and taste ye. Then snaile ye & slow ye and slime ye, and snake ye and snig ye and lime ye, and spider ye and thread ye and spin ye, and weaue ye & waue ye, and web ye and wirpe ye and warpe ye, and wriggle ye and wrangle ye and wray ye, and friske ye and fringe ye and fold ye, and nicke ye and nit ye and net ye, and scramble ye and scrawle ye and crawle ye, and mount ye and creepe ye & clime ye. Then traine ye and taile ye, and trill ye and trowle and traile ye, and trap ye & clacke ye and clap ye, and fish ye and flie ye & flap ye, and nibble ye and worme ye and bayte ye, and angle ye and hooke ye

and hinge ye. Then snare ye and snarle ye and snatch ye, and grippell ye and grappell ye and gripe ye, and snaffle ye and snuffe ye and sniffe ye, and snip ye and snap ye, and clip ye and cap ye, and crispe ye and cripp and crop ye, and sniuell ye and snout ye, and snift ye and snieze ye, and snit ye and snat ye and snot ye. Then tricke ye and pricke ye and pranke ye, and span ye & spew ye and spit ye, and trampe ye and tracke ye & tread ye, and goate ye and butt ye and bucke ye, and hunch ye and punch ye, ann kibe ye and kidd ye and kit ye, and sparrow ye and spurne ye and kicke ye. Then curbe ye & knife ye and cut ye, and wound ye and vlcer ye and hurt ye. Then honor ye & hower ye and sower ye, and sipp ye and sopp ye, and sauce ye and sowse ye, and salt ye & seazon ye and sauer ye, and powder ye and spice ye and fauor ye, and suger ye & swaue ye, and honnie ye and bitter ye and sweete ye. Then carue ye and serue ye and salue ye, and playster ye and heale ye & cure ye, and alter ye and palter ye, and pinder ye and pander ye and pedler ye, and plume ye and feather ye and fidler ye. Then crooke ye and cukold ye and coyne ye, and knit ye and knot ye and knag ye, and snig ye and snag ye & crag ye, and kricke ye and kracke and krancke ye, and bind ye and fast ye & lose, and knaue ye & crampe ye & knacke ye. Then hinch ye and wrinch ye, and twinch ye and pinzer ye and pinch ye, and wring ye and wrest ye and writh ye, and catch ye and cozen ye, and klinke ye and clasp ye and clinch ye. Then owle ye and gloze ye and glaze ye, and gander ye & goose ye and gaze ye, and glasse ye & glimse ye and glance ye, and glaunder ye and glade ye and glyde ye, and pumpe ye and slipper ye and slide ye, and glitter ye and gull ye and gleeke ye. Then stagger ye and stumble ye and strip ye, and straddle ye and strap ye and stride ye, and stifle ye and style ye and steele ye, and stillip ye & fiddle

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ye and ſtrike ye, and crowde ye and ſtinger ye and ſyle ye. Then ſine ye and ſoule ye and ſaire ye, and clatter ye and claw ye and ſcratch ye, and harbor ye and hoouer ye & hide ye, and hatch ye and harrow ye and hoord ye, and ſtore ye and hiue ye and ſtarue ye, and ſooth ye and flatter ye and fayle ye. Thē apple ye and eye ye, and eare ye & ſeare ye, and ſpunge ye & ſinge ye, & ſingle ye and ſigne & ſcale ye. Then chip ye and chop ye, and champe ye and chaw ye and chouze ye, and ſcatter ye and ſpread, and butter ye and baſt ye and bread ye, and chalke ye and change ye and cheeze ye, and batter ye and bite ye and refuze ye. Then ſticke ye and ſtraw ye and daw ye, and fluſe ye and fling ye and flaw ye. Then ferret ye and feare ye and fray ye, and gaſt ye and ghoſt ye and ſpright ye, and fetter ye and fore ye and fright ye. Then ſhroue ye and ſhrine ye, and ſhriue ye and ſhrift ye, and court ye and coch ye and cart ye, and durt ye and driue ye and dragge ye, and drudge ye and droſſe ye and draffe ye, and dawbe ye and myre ye and lagg ye, and whoope ye and hallow ye and whiſſle ye, and diſh ye and daſh ye, and laſh ye and plaſh ye, and ſhuffle ye and card ye and ſhift ye, and cliſh ye and claſh ye, and coupe ye and couch ye and caſh ye. Then foole ye and flout ye and poake ye and poate ye and poynt ye, and thruſt ye and foyne ye and foyle ye, and flie ye and free ye and flight ye. Then hawke ye and lurcke ye and lure ye, and male ye and meale ye and ſift ye, and hand ye and hart ye and fiſt ye, and prime ye and prune ye and princke ye, and currle ye and frizzle ye and frounze ye, and pearle ye and purle and pincke ye, and pramp ye and fillit ye and pride ye, and ſwip ye and ſwap ye, & rake ye and ſhouell ye and ſweepe ye, and noy ye and toy ye and coy ye, and iewell

ye and iem ye and ioy ye. Then pill ye and picke ye and pare ye and powle ye and ſhaue ye & ſpare ye, and bald ye and ſkin ye and bare ye. Then ſlit ye and ſliue ye and ſlay ye, and liſe ye and thinne ye and ſhare ye, and drench ye and diue ye, and ducke ye & drowne ye, and ſwim ye and ſinke ye and ſaue ye. Then ſkoggin ye and ſkoffe ye and ſkorne ye and ſkald, and ſkar ye and ſkurfe ye and ſkarfe ye, and mocke ye and mop ye and mow ye, and ſhelter ye and ſhield ye, and ſhrowd ye and ſhade ye, and houſe ye and mow ye and mew ye. Then hobbie ye and horſe ye and hire ye, and dingle ye and dandle ye, and ſpingle ye and ſpangle ye, and fickle ye and fancie ye, and ferrie ye and fingle ye and fangle ye, and handle ye dandle ye and daunce ye, and hazzell ye and dazzell ye, and muze ye and maze ye, and fizzell ye and mizzell ye, and madd ye and mewt ye and miſt ye, and dull ye & dolt ye and dunce ye. Then diddle cum derrie cum bee ye and boe ye and buzze ye, and amble ye and trot ye and prance ye. Then addle ye and idle ye and bridle ye, and bramble ye and brier ye and branch ye, and burre ye and bride ye and brush ye, and larke ye and lerke ye and ierke ye, and gigg ye and iogg ye and iolt ye, and iangle ye and rod ye and ride ye, and whiſcum whaſcum brake ye & brine ye & breech ye. Then ſwigger ye and ſwegger ye, and ſwagger ye and ſwelt ye, and ſtibb ye and ſtabb ye, and ſtobb ye and ſtare ye and ſtart ye, and roue ye and run ye and rime ye, and riddle ye & rend ye and riue ye. Then tune ye and time ye and tame ye, and pot ye and pitcher ye and pan ye, and ſtopple ye and bottle ye and bagg ye, and begger ye and pipe ye and can ye, and itch ye and pitch ye and patch ye, and bangle ye and bungle ye and botch ye, and mende ye and cobble ye and peece ye. Then baſe ye and caſe ye and buſke ye and brace ye and lace ye. Then ruffin ye and ruffle ye, and rampe ye and ripe ye and reach ye, and

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pilfer ye and pelfe ye, and rifle ye and ſpoyle and rob ye, and flea ye and filch ye & fleece ye, and ribbell ye & rabbell ye, and ſtibber ye and ſlabber ye, and ſcribbell ye & ſcrabbell ye, and blibber ye and blabber ye, and bluſter ye and bliſter ye, and ſtorme ye and whirtle ye and wind ye and raine ye and haile ye, and chaffe ye and ſnow ye, and blather ye and blow ye and blaſt ye. Then huffe ye and buffe ye and muffe ye, and toe ye and taw ye, and tuffe ye and raw ye and rugg ye and ruffe ye and rag-men rowle ye and ſnuffe ye, and poſt ye and paſt ye and puffe ye, and clod ye and turde ye and turfe ye, and court ye & coaſt ye and puffe ye and cuffe ye and ſnuffe ye. Then blubber ye and ſullen ye and ſob ye, and drip ye & drop ye & driuel ye, and ſliuer ye and ſlauer ye, and ſloouen ye and ſott ye and ſlut ye, and wipe ye & trencher ye and tripe ye, and boyle ye and ſome ye, and ſuddes ye and ſope ye, and ſurge ye and ſwill ye & ſwell ye, and water ye & lade ye, and mell ye and fell ye, and wag ye and colt ye, and quiddle ye and quill ye and quell ye, and fliſh ye and flaſh ye, & driggle ye and draggle ye, and willow ye wallow ye & waſh ye and laue ye & blith ye & bath ye, and lout ye and clout ye and cleaue ye, and lance ye and lanke ye, and blanch ye and blanke ye, and hanch ye & lanch ye, and leg ye and flinch ye and flanke ye. Then raſcall ye & royſter ye, and rotton ye and roag ye and raze ye, and rauell ye and reuell ye and riuill ye, and ierke ye and iag ye & rag ye, and blacke ye blot ye and blur ye, and vaile ye and maſke ye and mum ye, and chaunce ye and dice ye, and drum ye, and nod ye vice ye and ſcum ye, and ſpot ye and blue ye and blend ye, and bleare ye and blinke ye and blind ye, and twerrle ye and twiſt ye and twine ye, and rocke ye and reele ye and wind ye, and ricke ye and racke ye & roule ye, and ſtitch ye and tacke ye and round ye, and bend ye & bruze ye and breake ye, and band ye and ball ye & bound ye, and chaſe

ye and chafe ye & heate ye, and coole ye and ſweate ye and ſound ye, and grind ye and grate ye and greeue ye, and graueil ye and gall ye & ground ye. Then ſtragle ye and ſtruggle ye and ſtrangle ye, and ſlip ye and ſoupe ye, and ſloupe ye and ſlop ye, and ſlim ye and ſlam ye & ſlaue ye, and ſtemme ye and ſtreame ye and ſtray ye, and garniſh ye and burniſh ye and furniſh ye, and bud ye & bloſſome ye and bloome ye, and floriſh ye and flower ye & freſh ye, and gay ye & may ye and ray ye, and ſport ye and rig ye and play ye, and wreath ye and bower ye and braue ye. Then bird ye and bolt ye and cage ye, and graue ye and wiſe ye and ſage ye, and pope ye & prince ye and page ye, and rope ye and hang ye and rage ye, and gild ye & gold ye and gage ye. Then ſwillow ye and ſwallow ye, and ſwiſh ye and waſh ye, and bib ye and drinke ye, and quiffe ye and quart ye and quaffe ye. Then tugg ye and iacke ye, and ginger ye and ginnie ye & gill ye, and morter ye and barter ye, and muſter ye & maiſter ye, and martir ye and margerie and marrie ye. Then maime ye & iarre ye and marre ye, and manch ye granch ye, and maſh ye & quince ye and quaſh ye, and mumble ye and mince ye and melt ye. Then humble ye and fumble ye and iumble ye, and lighten ye and flighten ye, and rumble ye and thunder ye and thret ye, and itter ye and titter ye and tipple ye, and mingle ye and mangle ye, and tingle ye & terrifie ye and tangle ye, and type ye and toſſe ye and tyre ye, and totter ye and wearie ye and tumble ye. Then haunt ye & deyntie ye and daunt ye, and taunt ye and vilifie ye and vaunt ye, and gigg ye and iebe ye, and iuggle ye & iade ye & ieſt ye, and trouſe ye and trumpe ye and frumpe ye, and loue ye and loath ye and leaue ye, and win ye & weare ye & teare ye, and prize ye and prayſe ye and pleaſe ye, and chant ye and charme ye, and chin ye and check ye & chocke ye, and locke ye and chaine ye and clogg ye, and link ye & chink

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ye, chatter ye and cherp ye & chime ye, and cock ye and crow ye, and cob ye and kembe ye and combe ye, & cackle ye and cockle ye, and chockle ye & threttle ye choake ye, and cherrie ye and merry ye, and roze ye and checke ye and cheere ye, and print ye and lift ye, and load ye & light ye, and rowze ye and rect ye and right ye, and rayze ye and eaze ye, and grace ye and greaze ye and greete ye. Then ayme ye and marke ye, and pin ye and prop ye, and shaft ye & shoot ye, and drib ye and shrt ye & misse ye. Then name ye and blame ye, and string ye and stretch ye and straine ye, and ting ye and towle ye and ring ye. Then stampe ye and staine ye, and sting ye and limpe ye and lame ye. Then ban ye & bane ye, & noynt ye & balme ye, and slicke ye and smeare ye and smooth ye, and bundle ye & blouze ye and blaze ye, and smoother ye and smoake ye and waste ye, and barbe ye and blesse ye and curse ye, and kisse ye and crosse ye and craze ye, and crab ye and crush ye and squize ye, and clowne ye and crowne ye, and sparge ye & spindle ye and sprinkle ye, and bill ye and beard ye and braine ye, and hit ye and fit ye and misse ye. Then pepper ye and poyson ye and pearch ye, and pine ye and perish ye and paine ye, and so fret ye and frost ye and freeze ye, and plunge ye and pardon ye & plague ye. And so fire the worlde with Ratles and Brattes, and Sprattes and Gnattes, and knottes and cords, & kogges and bobs, and noddes and oddes and Hearing-cobs, and Bullardes and Beares and Bugges and Battes, and Flagges and Flyes & Waspes, and Burres & Beeues and Buffes, and Bees and Bawdes and Butterflyes.

VAL. I commend me vnto you, and to your Sis. Although at this time not worthie either to be remembred or commended, because she thought that a red Hearring was not a dish daintie enough to feast so royall a guest as a Commaunder, yet thinke I my stomacke eager inough at all tymes and seasons to feede vpon a poore Sprat, in her company. And although she thinkes Sorrell a sauce too sweete for an Asse-head, yet I thinke Mustard & Greene-sauce without Suger, not sweete inough for her Calues-head. So I am very well content to beare the Asses burden on my backe for once, if she be as willing to weare the Eares, as I am pleased to stinke of the Pumpe, because I am not able to endure a paire of straight Leather Shooes on my feete, my heeles being sore. And to requite your kindnes and goodwill, which I perceiue you beare mee, I haue sent you by this bearer some Ditties and Songes, such as I haue: And if it lie in my power to gratifie you with a better thing, ye shall commaund me. In the meane time, I rest beholding vnto you for your curtesie shewed me at the poore Widdowes house, being in your Sisters conceite too homelie a roofe to entertaine so great a Commaunder: And for bidding me, Come vp Asse into a higher roome, that Chollericke Pill of hers will easely be disgested with one pleasant conceit or other of Mounsier de Kempe on Monday next at the Globe, where I would gladly meete you, if your leysure will so permit: In the meane time I bid you farewell.

FINIS.